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The Airport Otopeni - Bucharest

1. Since autumn 1951, a Soviet Fighters unit has been installed at the Otopeni airport. At the beginning, the unit was equipped with YAK ll airplanes but starting from summer 1952, it was equipped with UMIG (Fighters training school) airplanes and also MIG-15 planes. Informant has counted some 40 planes and therefore believes that there must be an air regiment. As the airport is exclusively occupied by the Soviet airforce, there are no possibilities of finding out more details about the unit located there.

The Mamaia airport (North of Constanta)

In the past, until 1950, the airport was used by Boston Bombers and Stormovik planes. Since 1951 a transport escadrille has been there, with LT-2 planes. There is also a Fighter regiment, equipped with YAK-9 and YAK-11 planes.

The Zilistea airport

The airport is located at approximately 15 kilometers northeast of Bazau and about a one kilometer south of the Boboc railroad station, which is on the Buzau-Focsani railroad line. The airport has a cement runway. Since summer 1951 this airport has been used by a Fighter unit, equipped with MIG jet planes. Three UMIG training jet planes and about 30 MIG-15 planes have been observed. The Airforce Training Center may have moved temporarily, for the duration of summer 1952, to the Buzau airport.

The Craiova airport:

A Soviet airforce regiment, with MIG-15 jet planes, has been installed since summer 1952 at the Craiova airport. For this purpose the airport has been enlarged and equipped with cement runways. The airport is used jointly by the Soviets and by a Rumanian jet regiment which is also equipped with MIG-15 planes.

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